

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is a bald attempt to influence the vote, and is an appalling misuse of the public airwaves for partisan politics. The FCC is more concerned these days with so-called "indecentcy" as if to protect the populace. But if the FCC wanted to really exercise its responsibility to serve the public interest -- and not just give lip service -- it would fine Sinclair for its egregious partisanship. This is not responsible broadcasting. It's a travesty.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.